

It is senseless to go through this again. As we continue this debate from last year, I want to say again that cutting development assistance to India would have disastrous effects.

I know that some members feel that India now has the opportunity to operate without the help of the United States. To that I say opportunity only follows hard work. It follows effort. And it never comes before.

Let's take this opportunity now to put forth the effort to truly help India, let's vote down the Burton amendment and help keep India on the road to economic sufficiency.

IN HONOR OF THE SPONSORS OF
PROJECT CHILDREN 2000

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the sponsors of Project Children 2000, a program enabling children from Northern Ireland to temporarily escape the bitter conflict they have known all their lives, a conflict that has deprived them of their childhood, in a land where hatred and divisiveness have shaped the social climate. Project Children was established to provide a small window of simple childhood pleasures, a holiday of sorts dedicated to peaceful, happy pursuits—these children deserve nothing less, and so much more.

The sponsors or host families of this outstanding program have opened their hearts and their homes to these often neglected victims of the conflict, and they have done so with a profound sense of duty and a rare display of generosity and compassion. I am extremely proud that so many families from my district have volunteered to participate in Project Children. I would like to thank the following sponsors: John and Diane Antonacci; Terrance and Linda Begley; Joseph and Nancy Caprio; Steven and Annette Carbone; John and Linda Carney; David and Patricia Cedrone; Saulle and Marge Critell; Daniel and Susan Davison; Phillip and Kathleen DeCicco; Mark and Lynn deRowen; Donald and Irene Diverio; Al and Ellen Dorso; Peter and Robin DuHaime; Thomas and Cynthia Evison; Rick and Arlene Faustini; Raymond and Donna Flannery; Thomas and Michele Flynn; Salvatore and Patricia Fontana; Jim and Ana Gilligan; Michael and Pat Goodwin; Michael and Stephanie Griffin; John and Veronika Hecker; George and Margaret Hughes; Nicholas and Patricia Kaminsky; Andrew and Lynne Klosowski; Richard and Eileen Leahy; Brian and Elizabeth Lynch; David and Debra Stroehlein; Nicholad and Agnes Mangelli; Lorenzo and Debra Marchese; Harold and Janice Miller; Kevin and Lisa Miller; Bob and Dyan Moore; Craig and Sharon Parker; Alan and Jan Paul; Craig and Kerry Plokhoy; David and Cathleen Quinn; Timothy and Amy Quinzer; David and Sally Roche; William and MaryJo Sabbert; Jan and Karen Samowski; Scott and Maria Sim; Jeffrey and Eileen Simmers; Stephen and Catherine Simpson; Michael and Laura Sims; Hoby and Joyce Stager; Keith and Barbara Stiehler; Robert and Denise Thompson Jr.; Joyce Vargas, Joseph and Barbara Wewills; Rodney and Linda Bialko.

I also want to recognize the lovely children from Ireland who are gracing New Jersey with their presence this summer: Jeannette Bailey; Nicole Bennett; Nichola Boyd; Emma Campbell; John Clift; Marie-Theresa Collins; Stephen Coyle; Jason Curran; William Curran; Stephen Devine; Gemma Devlin; Anthony DiLucia; James Donnelly; Joseph Donnelly; Michelle Donnelly; Michael Duffy; Marie Sinead Flanagan; Caoimbe Marie Fox; Nathan Friel; Oria Gargan; Sean Paul Gorman; Kathleen Hall; Sinead Handley; Tomas Hull; Daniel Hutchings; Sinead Jackson; Jade Laird; David Lewsley; Gary Logan; Daniel Lynch; Laura Lyons; Martin Magennis; Jemina Maguire; Ursula McAteer; Nicola McCabe; Louise McConville; Samantha McConville; Jason McKernan; Claire McKinley; Luke McKibben; Sinead McLarnon; Sonia McManus; Pdraig McPartland; Elaine Murray; Caoimhin McVeigh; Louise Kayleigh McVeigh; Charlene McWilliams; Grainne Pelan; John Robinson; Adele Ross; Una Simpson; Clare Tallon; Lorraine Villa; and Gemma Weir.

In addition, Project Children would not be successful without the hard work of dedicated committee members and other staff. I thank them as well.

I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring Project Children and everyone who has contributed to making it a great success.

IN HONOR OF MINOR GEORGE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a great servant of the people of Cleveland and leader of the Arab-American community, former Parma councilman Minor George. His recent death, at the age of 78, is a sorrowful event for the entire Cleveland, Ohio community.

Mr. George served as a Navy Lieutenant in World War II and was awarded the Bronze Star. After the war he was elected as the only Republican on the City Council of Parma and served three terms. In that office, his support was crucial to the success of a number of important Parma-area developments, including Parma Community General Hospital and Parma Town Hall. He was later to serve as Vice-Chairman of the Cuyahoga County Republican party.

Mr. George founded the Cleveland American Middle East organization with his friend Richard Ganim. Today this organization is the Arab-American community's leading political organization, uniting the voice of this important part of the wider Cleveland community. It is a suitable tribute to the vision of its founder, who became the National Arab-American President.

Mr. George also worked tirelessly with entertainer Danny Thomas to raise money to open St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Without his efforts, this wonderful institution, which helps hundreds of sick children each year, would never have opened. We all owe him an enormous debt of gratitude.

Through this exemplary record of public service, Mr. George rose to national prominence and his opinions were sought in meetings with Presidents Nixon, Ford and Bush as

well as Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. He always conducted himself with great dignity and was well respected by all sections of the Cleveland community. He will be sorely missed.

I ask the House of Representatives to join me today in honoring the memory of this great community leader and role model.

MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2000

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member commends to his colleagues the July 12, 2000, Omaha World Herald editorial entitled "Another Reason to Hold Off." As the editorial correctly notes, this President should not make a decision on deployment of a missile defense system and should leave the decision to the next President. This Member has long supported the concept of a limited missile defense, however, a decision on deployment is premature. Ultimately a limited missile defense system is likely to prove feasible, especially in a sea-based deployment mode. A sea-based capacity can be readily deployed to an area of increased tension and directed more effectively at the missiles of a threat country, thus making it more feasible to destroy these missiles in the launch phase. This Member urges his colleagues to heed the admonition in this insightful editorial.

ANOTHER REASON TO HOLD OFF

If the proposed U.S. missile defense system were a demo model on a car dealer's lot, the average American wouldn't buy it—at least in its present condition. You step on the accelerator and it doesn't go. Or you try to make a sharp turn and the steering wheel comes off in your hands.

That isn't to say it can't be made right. We hope it can. But it certainly calls into question whether President Clinton ought to put in motion the process that would ultimately lead to its deployment. Our view is that the final decision can wait.

A choice not to decide is, after all, a decision in itself. And at present, given the killer missile's sputtery test record—last Saturday, the booster rocket somehow failed to turn loose of the interceptor—it's the right one to make.

It's a decision made easier by the fact that North Korea, frequently mentioned as a "rogue" state that might try to fling a nuclear missile or two at the United States:

(1) Is generally judged not to be able to deploy one for at least five years (probably quite a bit longer, in reality); and (2) is currently making enough friendly noises about cooperation and even reconciliation with the West and with its sister state to the south that America may well come to view it with far less concern.

That still leaves other countries—Libya, Iran, Iraq, maybe even Pakistan—that might someday pose such a threat. But seasoned observers put their chances for fielding such missiles in a much longer time frame than was ever projected for North Korea.

This system, if built, is estimated to cost \$60 billion. That may well be low; when did we last hear of a weapons system coming in either on or under budget? Of its three currently scheduled tests, it has now failed two.

Mr. President, this important and costly device plainly needs more work. Either Governor Bush or Vice President Gore, as the